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Ministry in consultation with management of the CPSU explore various options like financial restructuring, technology upgradation, manpower rationalization including Voluntary Retirement Scheme, formation of joint ventures, improved marketing strategies etc. for improvement in the working of the enterprises.

Losses suffered by HPF Ltd., OOTY

4010. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ooty-based Hindustan Photo films Ltd. has been suffering huge financial losses continuously for a long time;

(b) if so, the details of the losses suffered during the last five years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any restructuring plan for revival of the country's oldest photofilm manufacturing company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses suffered during the last five years are as given below:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	Net Loss
1995-96	7087.73
1996-97	9561.17
1997-98	17628.57
1998-99	30982.62
1999-2000	27844.95

The reasons for losses are increasing competition in the market, low capacity utilization, excessive labour force, excessive time and cost overruns on the Polyester X-ray project, failure to enter colour film market etc.

(c) and (d) The company is under reference to BIFR since 14.10.1995. A number of proposals have been formulated but no Rehabilitation scheme has been sanctioned by BIFR so far.

Amount spent on setting up of Heavy Industries

4011. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on setting up of a heavy industries in different parts of the country during the last five years under liberalization policy, State-wise and industry-wise;

(b) the progress made, so far, in this regard; and

(c) the details of such industries in which the production work is going on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) There is no classification of Industries as "Heavy". It is, therefore, not possible to give the required information. However, so far as public sector units under the Department of Heavy Industry are concerned, no new heavy industry in the Public Sector has been set up in the country during the last five years.

Quota of Newsprint to Newspapers and periodicals in Andhra Pradesh

4012. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Newspapers/periodicals in Andhra Pradesh to which quota of newsprint was given during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) what is the procedure being followed in allotment of quota of newsprint to the newspapers etc; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per the Newsprint Policy, which came into effect from 1.5.1995, the Registrar of Newspapers